

Attorney Docket No.: 62610.000001
Application Serial No. 09/757,704

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's telephone interview with the undersigned counsel on September 23, 2003 regarding the allowability of claim 4 in the application. In response to this conference, Applicants have amended the broad claim 1 to incorporate the limitation of claim 4 while canceling claims 3 and 4. However, Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application directed to the remaining subject matter of claims 1 and 3 following the receipt of a Notice of Allowance.

Prior to this amendment, claims 1-23 were pending in this application.

The Amendments

Applicants have cancelled claims 3 and 4. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the blend of polymers to just the two PEAs of phenylalanine (Phe) and leucine (Leu) amino acids. Further, the dependent claims 6, 18 and 20 have been amended to depend from the amended claim 1, 2 or 5. Applicants believe that the amendments are fully supported in the application as filed and no new matter is added hereby. Applicants respectfully request that the amendments be entered in the application.

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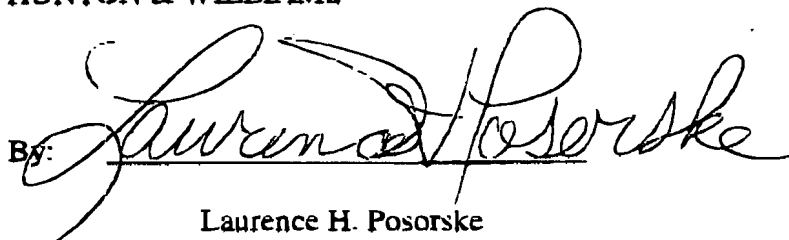
REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE

Applicants respectfully submit that in view of the above remarks, this application is in condition for allowance and respectfully request an early notification of allowance. If any further action is necessary to place this application in condition for allowance, Applicants would appreciate a telephone call to the undersigned counsel to resolve such issues in a expeditious and effective manner.

Respectfully submitted,
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